

REMARKS

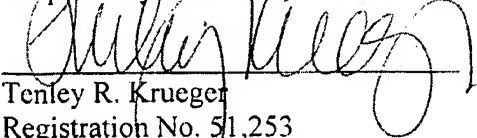
This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 18, 2009. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 34-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants have amended features of the pending claims to reflect teachings of the specification. However, the Office Action further states that the specification "does not reasonably provide enablement for any type of recover of the slurry of polymer particles from a polymerization reactor as claimed". Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims do not recite "any type of recovery" of polymer particles from the polymerization reactor. Rather, the pending claims require recovering a slurry comprising polymer solids suspended in a liquid medium from a loop reactor through a settling leg via a discharge valve. Support for such recovery process is fully disclosed in the specification (see, pages 8-9 reciting that "[p]olymerisation effluent is then taken out of the reactor...The effluent is typically taken out of the reactor through settling legs and discontinuous discharge valves). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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